

BRYAN STANDS POOR SHOW TO WIN THIS YEAR.

Prominent Western Republican Declares Him Practically Out of the Presidential Contest.

KANSAS SURE FOR M'KINLEY.

Kansas City Platform Has Entirely Lost the Democratic Grip in the Great Northwest.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Republican managers at congressional headquarters state that the campaign is assuming definite shape and there is the greatest encouragement to anticipate Republican success in November. The scare about the German vote which the Democrats have tried to inaugurate has not been very effective. The Republican leaders have paid special attention to the German-American citizens and reports received from all sections of the country indicate that there has been little or no change in their views since 1896.

The Republicans are not dodging the issues raised by the Democrats, but are discussing the sentimental questions of "imperialism" and "militarism" very willingly. Experience shows that in sections where the Democrats expected these questions to affect the German-American vote it has been found that a simple statement of facts as they exist has been sufficient to convince the Germans that the danger of military domination or of an empire has been conjured up for political effect. "It has no foundation."

West for Republican Ticket.

Delegate Dennis Flynn, of Oklahoma, one of the shrewdest political observers in the west and southwest, in writing to a friend in Washington, has this to say: "You want to know what the political complexion out west is. It will probably surprise you, but the atmosphere and the color of the sky are just about the same as they are in the east. The west never has seen such prosperity. The crops are abundant, the people are not only wearing smiles, but good clothes, and no one that you can find honestly believes that Bryan will be elected. You can bet every dollar you have got that McKinley will carry Kansas just as certain as he will carry any state in the Union. Local pride will probably give Nebraska to Bryan by a scratch. South Dakota, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington have all kissed the Kansas City platform and its nominees goodbye. McKinley and Roosevelt are so far ahead in the race that the distance flag will be dropped before the Democratic nominees realize that it has begun."

People Are for Expansion.

"The people of the west are for expansion. A prominent Republican friend of mine stated to me the other day that he presumed we would shortly want to homestead China. Nobody seriously fears the cry of imperialism. McKinley to-day is the strongest man that has occupied a seat in the white house since the days of Lincoln. The people have absolute confidence in him. Those who did not have when he was first elected are like the man from Missouri—they have been shown—and are satisfied with the goods."

"Heaven and earth will be turned to whip people in line for Bryan, but it is hard to convince a man who was swapping horses for hogs under the last Democratic administration, and getting nothing to boot—now that horses are worth from \$50 to \$100—that if he votes against the present administration and goes back to the old rut he will be benefited."

"As far as Oklahoma is concerned, we furnished soldiers to the war with Spain, we have soldiers in Manila and we have 1,000 men who want to volunteer to go to China. This is a patriotic year. McKinley is not only a soldier, but he is a statesman and a diplomat, and the west will be the greatest surprise to the doubting Thomases when the votes are counted in November. States that are even now regarded as surrogates for Bryan are made up of a class of people who are patriotic; who no longer take any stock in 16 to 1, and who frankly concede that whether McKinley caused it or not, the fact remains that we have had the best times since the boom days in the early eighties."

McKinley Never Assailed. "McKinley will get more votes than anybody dreams of from men who do not profess to be Republicans. They won't state so in public, but they know when the country has had a clean administration, and there is a sort of feeling existing that the proper thing to do is to uphold the President's hands."

"There is another thing very noticeable throughout the country, and that is that McKinley is never assailed. Hanna was abused so outrageously that the people have taken his side, because he has demonstrated not only in the senate, but elsewhere, that he is a business man, and this country does not want near as much politics as it does business in its administration."

Postal Business.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The postal business is a good index of general trade. The receipts of the postoffice of the country in the fiscal year 1899 were \$20,000,000, while they were \$27,000,000 in the fiscal year 1900. The twelve months which have just ended have broken all records in the postoffice business as in many other branches of activity. There has been a steady gain in postal receipts for many years, except that the fiscal year 1894 and 1895 showed smaller figures than for 1893. This was due to the financial convulsion which began around the middle 1893, but which started too late to affect

Something to Counterbalance.

New York Judge: Of all the ladies in Mrs. Lédgwell's boarding house, Mary Ann, the chambermaid, liked Miss Grimshaw best, and this was probably the reason why she regarded with so much interest and tenderness the flirtation that lady and Mr. Jones, of the fourth floor front, were conducting with some energy. One morning Mary Ann had come to Miss Grimshaw's

room to "tidy up," and paused in her dusting and bed-making to have a chat. "They do say," she began, striking what she saw as a particularly abstractable observable in Miss Grimshaw that morning, "that Mr. Jones is going to change his boarding house. It's a pity, for he'll be that missed by some in the house as I know—he'll miss them," with a significant glance at Miss Grimshaw. "An' I will say that I have the sweetest smile of any gentleman I ever seen; but, miss—lowering her voice mysteriously—'he has the room over his, an' I know as how he do snore awful.'"

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, August 18.—Money, on call nominal. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2% per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 7/8 for demand and at \$4 84 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4 55 1/2 and \$4 53 1/4. Commercial bills, \$4 53 1/4 to \$4 53 1/2. Silver certificates 61 1/2 to 62 1/2. Bar silver, 61 1/2; Mexican dollars, 48 1/2. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds steady. Government bonds steady.

But for the interest aroused by an analysis of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit annual statement, professional operators would have had but little material to influence prices. Although the report showed that a shade over 1 per cent was earned on the stock discussion of specific items was unfavorable. For instance, the high rate of operating expenses and outstanding loans of \$1,000,000 aroused comment. Decided pressure was exerted against the stock from the outset, an extreme loss of 2 1/2 per cent being made, with the net loss reduced to 1 1/2 per cent on purchases by the short interest.

In People's Gas a fall of 2 per cent was without adequate explanation, but this stock also recovered somewhat in the final dealings. These movements were the chief features of the market, its downward being accentuated by the absence of London operations. It being a holiday there. Railway stocks were relatively better sustained than the general run of specialties. The publication of the second week of August earnings for many lines showing numerous increases acted as a prop for this division. These statements demonstrated that tonnage was increasing in widely separated sections. For the southwestern quarter, Missouri Pacific showed a gain of \$75,000. In the south Norfolk and Western led, with \$55,970, and the west was represented by a gain of \$2,212,500 in Chicago and Western.

As the time approached for the publication of the bank statement, business became very restricted. The statement met general expectations as to the cash loss of \$3,341,300. Accommodations to the underwriting syndicate in connection with the British loan account for the greater part of the increase in loans to \$8,337,000. Deposits, however, reduced \$3,991,600, and the general effect was the shrinkage in surplus reserves of \$7,598,900. A replenishment of the banks' losses this week is expected to occur speedily, advices from Pacific coast points announcing the receipt of \$4,500,000 Alaskan gold. This, it is believed, will be made available to local banks by government drafts on the sub-treasury here. In addition, the banks are now being made on account of the redemption of the old government 2's, involving some \$20,000,000. With these factors taken into consideration, no general uneasiness is felt as to the immediate future by the money market.

The Wall Street axiom, "when gold goes out stocks go down," for once was exploded this week, as the shipment of over \$8,000,000 was attended by rising prices. As the exportation of over \$1,000,000 gold during the past two weeks does not make serious inroads on the country's holdings, and as constant accessions are being received from natural sources, Wall Street's equanimity was not surprised. When the drain will be most keenly felt, the political reserves of the New York city banks. Discussion of its influence on future money conditions had some weight on the market, values in the closing days of the week. In consequence of the sales of sterling bills against the gold rates for slight drafts reacted one cent to the advantage. A withdrawal of interest allowances and a current rate of 4 1/2 per cent for demand makes further shipments unlikely. The terms of the bond sale to the syndicate call for an installment of 25 per cent of purchase price Sept. 14. Whether the balance due on the operation will be retained here is an open question. With the government's foreign trade statement showing a balance in our favor in seven months of \$309,000,000, gold importations in the fall seem well assured. Monetary conditions abroad relaxed, money and discounts easing in London, and the continent also showing relaxation.

Individual developments accounted for the most notable features. The situation, as a whole, reflected an improved feeling early, and business enlarged. Optimism was expressed by some interests, and their efforts assisted a substantial rise. It was pointed out that the general situation did not augur well for the Chinese situation, the political problem and the question of the crops being cited as obstacles. Nevertheless, a general and material rise was effected in which the best class of railroad stocks figured.

Prices in the bond market conformed closely to the developments in stocks. Government was most marked in middle grade issues.

United States refunding 2's, when issued, advanced 1/4 per cent, new and old 4 1/2 per cent and 3's 1/4 per cent in the bid price. The 5's declined 1/2 per cent.

U. S. Bonds.

U. S. refunding	123 1/2	U. S. new 4's	123 1/2
U. S. new 4's	123 1/2	U. S. old 4's	123 1/2
U. S. old 4's	123 1/2	U. S. 5's	123 1/2
U. S. 5's	123 1/2	U. S. 3's	123 1/2
U. S. 3's	123 1/2	U. S. 2's	123 1/2
U. S. 2's	123 1/2	U. S. 1's	123 1/2

Stocks.

Atchafalpa	27 1/2	Mo. Pacific	51 1/2
do preferred	27 1/2	Mobile & Ohio	51 1/2
Balt. & O.	7 1/2	Mo. & Tex.	30 1/2
Can. Pacific	89 1/2	do preferred	30 1/2
Can. Southern	45 1/2	N. Y. Central	134 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	27 1/2	do preferred	134 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	N. Y. Central	134 1/2
Chi. & O.	137 1/2	do preferred	134 1/2
Chi. Ind. & L.	27 1/2	North. Pacific	51 1/2
do preferred	27 1/2	do preferred	51 1/2
Ches. & O.	27 1/2	Ore. R. & N.	30 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	do preferred	30 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	Pennsylvania	123 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	do preferred	123 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	St. Louis	115 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	do preferred	115 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	St. Paul	115 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	do preferred	115 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	Union Pacific	51 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	do preferred	51 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	Wabash	7 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	do preferred	7 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	W. Va. Central	11 1/2
Chesapeake	27 1/2	do preferred	11 1/2

Express Companies.

Adams	121 1/2	United States	45 1/2
American	121 1/2	Wells Fargo	121 1/2

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do preferred	33 1/2	Standard R. & T.	12 1/2
Brooklyn R. T.	12 1/2	do preferred	12 1/2
Col. F. & I.	35 1/2	do preferred	12 1/2
Cont. Tobacco	25 1/2	Tenn. Coal & L.	30 1/2
Federal Steel	7 1/2	U. S. Leather	10 1/2
Gen. Electric	125 1/2	U. S. Rubber	50 1/2
Glucose Sugar	61 1/2	Western Union	30 1/2
Inter. Paper	22 1/2	do preferred	30 1/2
Laclede Gas	75 1/2	P. C. C. & St. L.	51 1/2

New York Mining Stocks.

Chlor	15	Ontario	60
Crow	15	Plymouth	10
Col. Cal. & Va.	125	Quicksilver	150
Deadwood	50	do preferred	150
Gold & Curry	14	do preferred	150
Homestake	5,000	Standard	290
Iron Silver	50	Union Consol.	17
Mexican	21	Yellow Jacket	25

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

CHICAGO—A decline at Liverpool, lack of outside interest and scattered liquidation caused a further recession in the price of wheat to-day. September closed 1/2¢ lower and October reduced. Provisions closed firm, September pork 1/2¢, September lard 2 1/2¢ and September ribs 1 1/2¢ to 2¢ improved.

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CINCINNATI—Flour dull. Wheat lower; No. 2 red, 73 1/2¢. Corn dull; No. 2 mixed, 42¢. Oats quiet; No. 2 mixed, 22 1/2¢. Rye easy; No. 2, 52 1/2¢. Lard quiet at 55¢. Bulk meats dull at 37 1/2¢. Bacon firm at 45¢. Whiskey firm at 1 1/2¢. Sugar firm.

TOLEDO—Wheat active and lower; spot 75¢; September 75 1/2¢; October 76¢; December 77¢. Corn dull and lower; No. 2 cash 42¢; September 40 1/2¢. Oats 41¢. Rye 41¢. Sugar 41¢. Butter 22 1/2¢. Eggs 22 1/2¢. Hogs 22 1/2¢. Cattle 22 1/2¢. Sheep 22 1/2¢. Poultry 22 1/2¢.

Live Stock. CHICAGO—Cattle, receipts, 200 head; market nominally steady. Natives: Good to prime steers, 45¢ to 46¢; poor to medium, 44¢ to 45¢; selected feeders, 40¢ to 41¢; mixed stockers, 35¢ to 36¢; cows, 25¢ to 26¢; heifers, 24¢ to 25¢; canners, 22¢ to 23¢; butlers, 20¢ to 21¢; calves, 15¢ to 16¢.

TEXAS—Texas fed steers, 40¢ to 41¢; Texas grass steers, 35¢ to 36¢; Texas bulls, 30¢ to 31¢.

Hogs—Receipts to-day, 14,000 head; Monday, 30,000 head; estimated left over 2,000 head; market generally 5¢ lower; top price, 35¢; mixed and butchers, 30¢ to 31¢; good to choice heavy, 30¢ to 31¢; rough heavy, 25¢ to 26¢; light, 25¢ to 26¢; bulk of sales, 25¢ to 26¢.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,500 head; sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, 41¢ to 42¢; fair to choice mixed, 35¢ to 36¢; 41¢; western sheep, 40¢ to 41¢; Texas sheep, 35¢ to 36¢; native lambs, 42¢ to 43¢; western lambs, 41¢ to 42¢.

This week's receipts: Cattle, 53,000 head; hogs, 120,000 head; sheep, 62,000 head. Last week's receipts: Cattle, 55,100 head; hogs, 137,500 head; sheep, 65,000 head.

EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; extra, 45¢ to 46¢; prime, 40¢ to 41¢; common, 35¢ to 36¢.

Hogs—Fair at unchanged prices. Sheep—Slow on sheep and steady on lambs; choice wethers, 24¢ to 25¢; common, 15¢ to 16¢; choice lambs, 25¢ to 26¢; common, 15¢ to 16¢; veal calves, 50¢ to 51¢.

Butter—Firm; creameries 16¢ to 17¢; dairies 14¢ to 15¢.

Cheese—Firm at 10¢ to 11¢.

Eggs—Firm; fresh 12¢.

NEW YORK—Flour weak and 5¢ to 10¢ lower; winter patents 35¢ to 40¢; winter straights, 34¢ to 35¢; winter extras, 32¢ to 33¢; winter low grades, 32¢ to 33¢; Minnesota patents 34¢ to 35¢; Minnesota bakers 35¢ to 36¢; Rye flour steady; fair to good 30¢ to 32¢; choice 32¢ to 33¢; Cornmeal steady; yellow western 15¢ to 16¢; city, 15¢; Brandy, 45¢ to 46¢; 55¢ Rye steady; No. 2 western 57 1/2¢; No. 3, 56¢; state rye 53¢ to 54¢; 4¢ New York carlots, Barley dull; feeding, 42¢ to 43¢; 1¢ New York Maltling 48¢ to 49¢; 1¢ New York Barley malt dull; western 44¢ to 45¢.

Wheat, spot weak; No. 2 red 74 1/2¢; No. 1, 75¢; No. 2 white 74 1/2¢; No. 3, 73 1/2¢; track mixed western 26 1/2¢; track, white western, 26 1/2¢; track white state, 26 1/2¢; options inactive and weaker.

Hay dull; shipping, 72 1/2¢ to 75¢; good to choice 80¢ to 82¢.

Hops steady; state, common to choice 1899 crop, 10¢ to 11¢; old crop, Pacific coast, 1899 crop, 10¢ to 11¢; old crop, 25¢.

Beef quiet; pickled bellies 54¢ to 55¢; mess, 50¢ to 51¢; beef hams 51¢ to 52¢; packet 51¢ to 52¢; city extra India mess, 51¢ to 52¢.

Cutmeats quiet; pickled bellies 54¢ to 55¢; mess, 50¢ to 51¢; beef hams 51¢ to 52¢; packet 51¢ to 52¢; city extra India mess, 51¢ to 52¢.

Lard steady; western steamed 52 1/2¢; August closed 54 1/2¢; nominal; refined steady; continent, 57¢ to 58¢; S. A., 58¢; compound, 56¢ to 57¢.

Pork steady; family, 41 1/2¢ to 42 1/2¢; short clear 41 1/2¢ to 42 1/2¢; mess, 41 1/2¢ to 42 1/2¢.

Butter steady; creamery, 17 1/2¢ to 18¢; factory current, packed, 14¢ to 15¢; imitation creamery 15¢ to 16¢; state dairy, 16¢ to 17¢.

Cheese steady; large colored 10¢ to 11¢; small colored 10¢ to 11¢; large white 10¢ to 11¢; small white 10¢ to 11¢.

Eggs firm; state and Pennsylvania, at mark, 15¢ to 16¢; western at mark, regular package, 10¢ to 11¢; western loss off 15¢ to 16¢.

Flour neglected; city, 47¢ to 48¢; country, 44¢ to 45¢.

Rosin dull; strained, common to good, 15¢ to 16¢.

Turpentine easy at 41 1/2¢ to 42¢.

Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¢ to 4 1/2¢; Japan, 4 1/2¢ to 4 3/4¢.

Molasses firm; New Orleans open kettle good to choice 43¢ to 44¢.

Coffee, spot 11¢ to 12¢; No. 7 invoice 8 1/2¢; mild coffee, Cordova nominal; futures opened steady at a decline of 10 points; closed steady at lower prices at 10 1/2¢ to 11¢; points net lower; September, 47 1/2¢; October, 47 1/2¢; December, 47 1/2¢; March, 47 1/2¢; July, 47 1/2¢; August, 47 1/2¢.

Sugar steady; fair refining 41¢; centrifugal, 36¢ test, 45¢; molasses sugar, 41¢; refined steady, standard A, 30¢; confectioners' A, 30¢; mond A, 30¢; cutloaf, 30¢; crushed, 30¢; powdered 30¢; granulated, 30¢; cubes, 30¢.

BALTIMORE—Flour quiet; receipts 9,912 barrels; exports 6,367 barrels. Wheat dull and lower; spot and month 70 1/2¢ to 71¢; September, 71 1/2¢; steamer No. 2 red 62 1/2¢ to 63 1/2¢; receipts 40,956 bushels; southern by sample 63 1/2¢; southern on grade 70 1/2¢. Corn dull and lower; mixed, spot and the month 43 1/2¢ to 44 1/2¢; September, 44 1/2¢; November, 43 1/2¢; December, new or old, 35 1/2¢ to 36 1/2¢; January, 35 1/2¢; asked; steamer mixed 42 1/2¢ to 43 1/2¢; receipts 17,435 bushels; exports 120,001 bushels; southern white and yellow corn 45 1/2¢ to 46¢. Oats steady; No. 2 white 25 1/2¢ to 26 1/2¢; No. 2 mixed 24 1/2¢.

Hay dull; No. 1 timothy, 41¢; No. 2 timothy, 40¢; No. 3 timothy, 39¢; No. 4 timothy, 38¢; No. 5 timothy, 37¢; No. 6 timothy, 36¢; No. 7 timothy, 35¢; No. 8 timothy, 34¢; No. 9 timothy, 33¢; No. 10 timothy, 32¢; No. 11 timothy, 31¢; No. 12 timothy, 30¢.

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